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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EEWT, UR, US  
SUBJECT: CRAWFORD CASE - YET ANOTHER SUPPORTER

1. ALLIS-CHALMERS JOINS GROUP OF AMERICAN COMPANIES  
WHO HAVE WRITTEN SUPPORTIVE LETTER SOUGHT BY INTER-  
NATIONAL HARVESTER CHAIRMAN BROOKS MCCORMICK IN THE  
CRAWFORD CASE. ON AUGUST 30 MOSCOW A-C REPRESENTATIVE  
DELIVERED TO COMATT WITHOUT COMMENT COPY OF A-C  
CHAIRMAN DAVID C. SCOTT LETTER TO SOVIET AMBASSADOR  
DOBRYNIN DATED JULY 27 RPT JULY 27. TEXT FOLLOWS:  
"EXCELLENCY:

WE AT ALLIS-CHALMERS WERE MOST DISTURBED ABOUT THE  
RECENT ARREST AND DETAINMENT IN MOSCOW OF MR.  
F. J. CRAWFORD OF INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER. WHILE  
MR. CRAWFORD HAS SINCE BEEN RELEASED INTO THE CUSTODY  
OF U.S. AMBASSADOR TOON, THE METHOD OF HANDLING THIS  
SITUATION BY THE RUSSIAN AUTHORITIES RAISES SERIOUS  
QUESTIONS IN OUR MINDS AS TO THE FUTURE OF US-USSR  
TRADE RELATIONS -- SOMETHING WE HAVE WORKED SO  
DILIGENTLY TO DEVELOP.

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WHILE I AM IN NO POSITION TO COMMENT ON THE LEGALITY  
OF ANY CHARGES AGAINST MR. CRAWFORD, I HAVE GREAT  
PERSONAL CONFIDENCE IN THOSE INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER  
EXECUTIVES WHO DO KNOW HIM AND FIND IT MOST DIFFICULT  
TO BELIEVE THAT HE HAS COMMITTED ANY ILLEGAL ACTS.  
THE FACT THAT NO CHARGES HAVE ACTUALLY BEEN FILED  
AGAINST MR. CRAWFORD IS IN ITSELF MOST UNUSUAL.

WHAT IS MOST DISTRESSING TO ME AS AN AMERICAN BUSINESS EXECUTIVE, HOWEVER, IS THE MANNER IN WHICH THIS MATTER HAS BEEN HANDLED BY SOVIET OFFICIALS. THE ABRUPT AND FORCIBLE WAY IN WHICH THE ARREST WAS MADE, HOLDING MR. CRAWFORD WITHOUT SETTING BAIL AND NOT ALLOWING HIM TO HAVE COMMUNICATIONS FROM PRISON ARE STEPS WHICH ARE NOT IN KEEPING WITH THE RELATIONSHIP THAT HAS BEEN DEVELOPED BETWEEN OUR BUSINESS COMMUNITIES. THIS INCIDENT CAN HAVE SERIOUS ADVERSE EFFECTS ON US-USSR TRADE. IT CAUSES US CONSIDERABLE CONCERN ABOUT THE WELL-BEING OF OUR OWN REPRESENTATIVE IN MOSCOW, AND FROM THE LONG-RANGE POINT OF VIEW, IT MAKES IT EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR U.S. BUSINESS CORPORATIONS TO FIND COMPETENT PEOPLE WHO WILL BE WILLING TO REPRESENT THEM IN MOSCOW. CERTAINLY THIS WILL BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE GOOD RELATIONS WHICH WE HAVE BEEN STRIVING SO HARD TO ESTABLISH.

I HOPE YOU WILL CONVEY THESE FEELINGS TO THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES IN MOSCOW SO THAT THIS SITUATION CAN BE RECTIFIED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

SINCERELY, DAVID C. SCOTT"

2. COMMENT: DATE OF SCOTT LETTER WOULD INDICATE THAT A-C WAS ALREADY COMING AROUND TO SUPPORTING I-H EFFORT  
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AT TIME OF AP POLL OF FIRMS TO WHICH MCCORMICK APPEALED. A-C, HOWEVER, OBVIOUSLY DID NOT SO INDICATE TO AP AT THAT TIME. LOCAL A-C REP HAS NOT COMMENTED ON REASON FOR BELATED TRANSMISSION OF COPY OF LETTER TO EMBASSY. WE NOTE SECRETARY VANCE IS LISTED AMONG RECIPIENTS OF BLIND COPIES.

3. ADDITION OF ALLIS-CHALMERS NOW BRINGS TO NINE (BY OUR INFORMAL COUNT) NUMBER OF AMERICAN COMPANIES WITH MOSCOW OFFICES WHO HAVE EITHER DIRECTLY OR INDEPENDENTLY SUPPORTED I-H. THEY ARE: ALLIS-CHALMERS, AMERICAN EXPRESS, BANK OF AMERICA, COOPER INDUSTRIES, DUPONT, GENERAL ELECTRIC, HONEYWELL, OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM, AND PAN AMERICAN. (ALLIS CHALMERS AND BANK OF AMERICA HAVE NOT RPT NOT MADE PUBLIC THEIR SUPPORT AND FACT OF SUCH SHOULD BE PROTECTED UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THEY DO.)  
END COMMENT. GARRISON

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